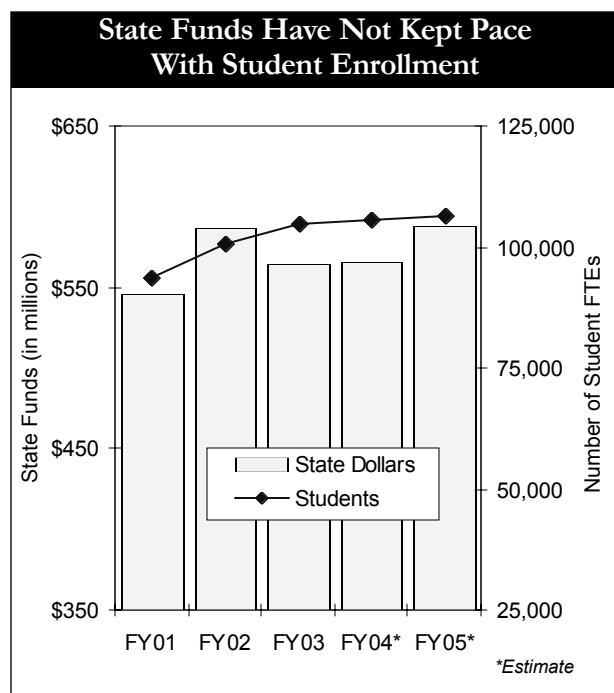




Higher Education

KEY TO UTAH'S FUTURE



Governor Walker proposes to reduce the gap between student enrollment and state funding.

\$39,006,600 Total New Funds

- A 4.0% increase over FY 2004
- \$26,046,000 for benefits and compensation

\$24,898,600 New State Tax Funds

- \$2,500,000 USHE enrollment
- \$1,500,000 USHE O&M
- \$1,500,000 Engineering initiative
- \$750,000 Other USHE initiatives, including nursing faculty
- \$250,000 New Century scholarships
- \$500,000 UCAT facilities leases

The budget focuses spending on the state's top priorities by making investments in:

- The economic future, with increases of \$1.5 million to the engineering and computer science initiative. The initiative is working, with a 23 percent increase in bachelors degrees already.
- Dedicated students, with \$250,000 more for the New Century scholarships earned by more than 400 students who have finished two years of college in their high school years.
- Technology training for more adults and secondary students, with \$500,000 to lease facilities for Salt Lake/Tooele, Bridgerland, and Southeast applied technology campuses.
- The economic and social vitality of the state, with increases totaling over \$26 million for benefits and salaries that will help attract and retain high-quality faculty and staff.
- A program to make remedial course work an effective, self-supporting component of higher education funding.

HOW IS THE MONEY SPENT?

The Utah System of Higher Education

- Each year approximately 128,000 students attend Utah's nine traditional colleges and universities. This translates into the equivalent of about 95,000 full-time students.
- There are approximately 25,000 certificates and diplomas granted annually by these state institutions of higher education.
- Faculty and staff bring approximately \$425 million in external research and development grants to Utah each year.

The Utah College of Applied Technology

- Each year UCAT's nine campuses train more than 50,000 adults and 13,000 secondary students in over 100 skill areas.
- Annual UCAT instruction adds up to more than three million hours to adults and more than two million hours to secondary students.
- UCAT provides more than 250,000 hours of Custom Fit training to employees of business and industry, and those enterprises pay UCAT \$1.5 million a year in matching funds.

The Utah Education Network

- Nearly 6,200 high school and college students take classes through the EDNET videoconferencing system.
- Thousands of other public education teachers and students also rely on EDNET for instructional programs and materials.
- Utah schools and colleges rely on UEN's Wide Area Network for more than 200 mission-critical network applications. Traffic more than doubles every 18 months.

For the Medical Education Council

- Due in large part to MEC efforts, Utah hospitals are receiving more than \$17 million more in federal support to educate physicians and other health care professionals.
- MEC conducts workforce studies and develops rational, equitable processes for distribution of millions of dollars of federal funds to residency programs.